

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRINIDAD TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, JULY 17, 2018 AT TRINIDAD TOWN HALL, 409 TRINITY STREET  
*Approved August 21, 2018*

**I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Mayor Rotwein called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm. In attendance: Committee Members Kenny, Cuthbertson, Rotwein, Brown, Laos; City staff Price-Hall; Absent: Myers, Morehead. Guest: Sally Relund.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Kenny/Cuthbertson moved to approve minutes of May 15, 2018 meeting as corrected. Motion passed.

**III. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR**

Laos: There has been no meeting regarding the signs because Morehead has been out of town. The Trinidad Gateway subcommittee meeting for interpretation met and discussed the Trails Committee interest in the Trinidad Gateway signage design.

**IV. STAFF REPORTS**

Rotwein: More research is needed on Parker Creek Trail ownership and easements. The City is advertising for a new Public Works staff member, as well as looking at subcontracting out some of the vegetation management work. The Bench Policy was approved by the City Council. The Van Wycke Trail Project cultural resources study is in process.

**V. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS**

Laos: The pea gravel at the bottom of the Parker Creek Trail is slipping. This may be on the Trinidad Coastal Land Trust (TCLT) easement. Laos reported that the Land Trust would have to work with the owner to remedy this: 1) Determine who is responsible, and 2) Rake off the pea gravel down to native soil.

Cuthbertson said if it's a City issue, the City should fix it. Also there should be a sign at Gallindo and Van Wycke – someone is going to get hurt. It's dangerous.

Kenny: There have been fire rings showing up on Old Home Beach. She has been pulling them apart. The Fire Chief says it's not a safety issue. There were several people that may have been camping.

Brown: Has the committee gone over the conditions of all the trails? He would like each trail to be assessed this year.

**VI. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**1. Select Vice-Chair**

Rotwein/Brown nominated Gail Kenny. Nomination passed unanimously.

**2. Signage Recommendations**

Sally and Tammy are trying to get more visitors to the TCLT Gallery. Visitors to town drive straight through on Main Street. There is no kiosk. She proposes an "Information" sign pointing to the Saunders

Park with signs in the park. TCLT would like consistent sign design. A sign showing "You are Here" and pointing to destinations. Many signs are outdated.

Laos: Participants talked about signs at the Gateway interpretive subcommittee, including directional, maps, kiosks, and interpretive signs. The committee will meet in September. They would like to present to the City Council or Planning Commission recommendations for 3 small kiosks at the Harbor, Park and Murphy's (not with brochures) showing a map, places, trail heads and businesses. This would be a partnership between the Gateway, City and Chamber. The group should develop one signage plan and execute.

Rotwein: A plan for sign locations has gone through the PC and Coastal Commission and been approved. The 4x4s being used now were approved.

Brown: As mentioned last year, the kiosk should include trail condition (e.g. closed or difficulty rating). Laos said trail apps will be looked at next year. She will talk with Morehead to set up a signage subcommittee meeting with the Gateway and Chamber groups.

Rotwein: HCAR has been contracted to do mowing, weed wacking, curb painting and weeding twice a month for two months. They were focused on the City area, then will begin working on trails.

Cuthbertson: Even the curbs on Edwards are full of weeds.

### 3. City of Trinidad Trails Policy

Rotwein passed out the trails plan from 2001 with overview plus history and conditions of each trail. She passed out examples of policies from St. Louis and Antelope Valley Conservancy. What direction does the committee want to take?

Discussion: These might be too detailed. Pull key pieces out of the Antelope Valley then combine with the Trinidad document and St. Louis chart. The chart could also be used for the signs. Are bicycles allowed on all trails? This would have to be addressed in a policy. How about horses? Does the policy need vegetation maintenance, and how is that defined? Rotwein volunteered to put together a draft and ask Ben for input.

Laos: The TCLT would be interested in reviewing the policy.

### 4. Membership

Land Trust, Rancheria and Yurok Tribe. Would this Committee like to have these agencies designate an alternate?

Kenny: A drawback is that the alternate might not have the background.

Laos: Alternates should try to attend all meetings because they may have to vote. Recommend to agencies that the alternate attend regularly.

Cuthbertson/Brown moved to ask agencies to designate an alternate. Motion passed unanimously.

## VII. **REQUEST FOR FUTURE ITEMS**

1. Subcontracting work being done on trails.
2. Benches

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 5:53 P.M. Next meeting scheduled for August 21<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Submitted by:

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Rebecca Price-Hall  
City Staff

Approved by:

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Susan Rotwein  
Mayor